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Smoking-car statesmen who anathematize the Russians should begin to remember that the bolsheviks, at whom they are usually aiming, form only a small part of the Russian people.

Our idea of the non-essentially occupied person is the young woman who takes up half a column of the editorial page to prove that eating artichokes with a spoon is bad etiquette.

Symphony orchestras seem to have formed the bad habit of not being in tune with the United States. Federal agents now are investigating members of a well known Chicago musical organization.

If one of the gubernatorial candidates includes in his reading the Burlington Clipper he may be able to discern somewhere between the lines the words from the old refrain, "Darling, I am growing colder."

Just at this moment it will be quite as imposing a task for the Germans to capture Petrograd as it would be for the Scotch to enter Aberdeen. The Huns show themselves to be the farcists that they are when they talk largely of investing the Russian capital.

Maybe sabotage is the "biggest, strongest, most wholesale weapon of the working class." We don't believe it, though, and perhaps Big Bill Haywood, general secretary-treasurer of the I. W. W., will have a long period of confinement in which to ponder over his definition.

State politics is down with a bad case of anemia if the lack of interest to be noticed in these parts is indicative of apathy up and down the line. Start out with the avowed purpose of precipitating a political discussion and the only people who will talk are the candidates themselves.

Undoubtedly if he were up and doing, Candidate Frank E. Howe would ask no quarter from those who oppose him, but to accuse a sick man of being pro-German in his sympathies in these days of righteously inflamed public sentiment seems a bit too much like jumping on a fellow when he is down.

Contemporaries are lauding the course of the city authorities in Lawrence, Mass., where all the new streets are to be named after Lawrence young men who have sacrificed their lives overseas. It might also be well to change a few of the old street names in honor of the men who have fallen.

This is the year of the quadrennial appraisal and if you have a bone to pick with the assessors the board of civil authority will give you a hearing at city hall to-night. The prerogative of strenuous protest, which is one of the bulwarks of our New England democracy, may be exercised within all bounds of reason any time after 7 o'clock.

Italian editors who are touring America to get in touch with the American viewpoint so far as it touches on the war received a refreshing message from President Wilson when they were presented to the chief magistrate Tuesday. What he said is of no small moment, although in declaring that America is serving, not America alone, not Italy alone, but mankind, he reiterated an oft quoted saying of his in the earlier days of the war. That which seems to have impressed the editors from Italy, however, was the convincing and friendly reassurances voiced by the president as he urged them to study closely American affairs. The meeting ended happily with a luncheon.

Failure of the American naval collier to reappear still affords a favorite field for speculation, and while there are relatives of the men who were aboard the vessel who are hoping against hope that favorable tidings will come some day, most people are forced to believe that the Cyclops will remain one of the mysteries of the war. In a statement to newspaper men this week Secretary Daniels set at rest the rumor which credited someone with rescuing a bottle, the contents of which explained that the collier had been captured by a German submarine. Sea mysteries have always been more or less closely associated with bottle messages. The secretary told his interviewers that nothing in the war is impossible, this in commenting on the report that the Cyclops had been taken to German waters by its submarine captor. But he hastened to add that such a fate was highly improbable. Vermonters have more than passing interest in the story of the Cyclops because a near kinsman of one of the state's senators was aboard the vessel.

CHINA IN THE WAR.

We are not accustomed to think of China as being a possible factor in the conflict and of a nation which has been singularly backward in practicing the arts of war it is surprising to hear that China is eager to send to France 200,000 soldiers. Only the lack of ships and the

lack of money are responsible for the delay, and in this connection there is reason to believe that the movement to loan China fifty millions is finding favor among the financial men of America. On the surface the sum seems negligible; we are spending that much every day to keep the wheels moving. Yet it will go farther than money usually goes, for it will bear in upon the Chinese mind the truth—that the United States desires to stand by the open door policy. And if the United States stands aloof that policy cannot be maintained.

China learned its German lesson when the Teutons, upon a mere pretext, seized the bay of Kiaochow, a possession which Germany, in turn, lost to Japan. Earlier, German savagery was brought home to the Chinese in the Boxer rebellion. If a flow of man-power ever begins in China and heads toward Berlin, woe unto the baby butchers. The Germans may as well hang up their implements. What China has already done to aid the allied cause may be seen almost anywhere along the western front, where Chinese stalwarts, not the coolies of the large cities, but the harder race to the north, are working harder and accomplishing more than the non-combatant peasantry of the entente allies. Germany learned to her sorrow that they can fight as well as dig, for their prowess was well demonstrated in Picardy last spring when, in an emergency, they stemmed a Hunnish tide until the French reserves came up. China is building ships for the United States. She is furnishing wheat and beef for the allies and she has other foodstuffs to spare. It should be kept in mind that Chinese famines are due to faulty distribution rather than to actual shortage.

The conviction will not dawn that China declared war against the Germans in a large measure because of the action taken by the United States. China asks for assistance and if we mistake not the vast majority of our people believe that we should give it freely. She is a sister republic and in the measure that she was able to respond she has rendered assistance graciously and without thought of reward.

CURRENT COMMENT

The Howe Way.

The Brattleboro Reformer brings out the fact that when war was declared Frank E. Howe of Bennington, candidate for the Republican nomination for governor, opened up an informal recruiting station and secured something like 100 soldiers for Uncle Sam. This is the Howe way of doing things. The need of the time was soldiers, and to get soldiers Howe devoted himself, with singularly good results. It was a bit of applied patriotism of the most practical sort, and it is this kind of initiative, both in the military and civilian ranks, that makes the United States formidable in war.—St. Albans Messenger.

The Gold Star.

This war has developed many new ideas, such as service flags, Liberty bond buttons, Salvation Army hats and war gardens, but nothing that has been put forth has exerted such a pull upon the heartstrings and stirred the imagination and sentiment quite as much as the little gold star which is embroidered upon the band of black ribbon, worn upon the arm of some mother, sister or widow of a lad who has given his life for the cause of humanity on the fields of carnage in France. It is a symbol that is self-expressive. It brings the wearer and the passing citizen into the intimate touch of brotherhood. It commands a respect that is far deeper than that extended to the service flag flying in the window. All other emblems are merely signs that service has been rendered. The gold star tells of sacrifices that can never be repaid; of a life given for others; and of lives made desolate because of another's sacrifice. It is proper to raise our hat when the American flag goes by in formal parade. Many a man is there to-day who experiences the desire to make the same recognition of the little gold star.—Boston Herald.

This "Foolish War."

These are the days when the loyalty of any candidate for public office must be absolutely above suspicion.

They are days when no apologist for Germany can expect anything but condemnation at the hands of 100 per cent Americans. They are days when the gold star of the mind which sees no wrong in the course of Germany before this country entered the war, which felt no thrill when Belgium sacrificed material gain for honor, which felt no indignation when the U-boats sank the Lusitania and killed American women and children, which sees nothing in the cause for which Italy and the other allies are fighting, but ignoble aim, which can write at a time after the relations of the United States and the imperial German government were broken off:

"When the United States gets into the foolish war," has no right to ask the suffrage of American citizens.

We ask every Vermont voter to read carefully the editorials reprinted from the Bennington Banner, of which Frank Howe, candidate for governor, is editor, starting on the third column of this page and to make his own answer to the question:

"Should this man be elected governor of the state of Vermont?"

Loyalty is an issue.—Burlington News.

Copying Prussian Tactics.

"During Candidate Howe's illness, naturally gubernatorial politics comes to a halt."—Rutland Herald.

The Herald reckoned without Charles H. Darling. He isn't a man who fails to grasp an opportunity, and so, instead of one seeing a respite in hostilities while Mr. Howe lies so ill in a Montpelier hospital that not even his friends are admitted to his bedside, the Darling crowd lays down a barrage of filth and misrepresentation, hoping, one must judge, that while Mr. Howe is in such a condition that he cannot protect himself from a type of attack that recalls Allen M. Fletcher at his best (or worse), to so bespatter their opponent as to injure his chances of being nominated at the primaries. It has become apparent that a little thing like the truth is no obstacle to the Darling crowd. A man's reputation is as dust under their feet. They know nothing of fair play. The same ruthless methods which the Prussians used in war are considered by the Darling

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crowd to be fair in politics. These tactics may give a momentary advantage to their users, but a reaction against them is certain. The people of Vermont do not believe in such tactics, and once they sit down to analyze them they will discover their shallow pretense, their lack of worth and truth, and then Mr. Darling and his fellows have deliberately lowered the campaign to a level which is not pleasantly greeted in this state, where fair play is demanded above all other things. The Herald will have to amend its comment about gubernatorial politics coming to a halt.—St. Albans Messenger.

A New "Great Lake."

The people of the Champlain valley see a new commercial future opening before them as the result of the arrival at the port of Burlington, Vt., of a canal barge from the Hudson, laden with oil. The canal which brought the barge—the Champlain canal connecting the southern end of Lake Champlain, at Whitehall, with the Hudson at Port Edward—is not in itself a new thing. Quiet little canal boats marked "Champlain and Hudson," and really looking very ancient, may from time to time be observed slowly descending the broad Hudson or lying off the wharves of New York City. But their purely local traffic has not heretofore had the ambitious intention of the present arrival at Burlington, the purpose of which is not to supply the local demand for oil, but that of the whole of northern New England. The oil and gasoline thus freighted from Pennsylvania or from New York City to Burlington will there be pumped into great tanks and shipped by rail to northern New England points from Burlington as a distributing center. It is fondly expected by the Burlington people that the example will be followed in other lines of traffic, and that Burlington will thus become a port of entry for northern New England.

Even if this dream be realized, this should not be the end of the development of Lake Champlain transportation. There is already canalized connection, by way of the Richelieu river, between Lake Champlain and the St. Lawrence river, and if this connection should sometime be developed into ship canal, Burlington might consider herself an ocean port, as well as a port of the Great Lakes—for vessels of large size now descend the Great Lakes and the Welland and St. Lawrence canals from Chicago to the sea. In imagination we can see Lake Champlain looking—and steaming—southward by way of the Hudson to New York, northward and eastward to the Atlantic, and westward to the Great Lakes. She would in that case become an American inland sea, of absolutely unique position.

It may take a great many years to realize fully any such dream as that, but the prophecy may safely be made that there is going to be a vastly different thought about the development of water transportation after the war from anything that we have had on this continent in recent years. The idea has prevailed that our natural means of transportation, so to speak, were the railroads, and nothing that seriously competed with them was to be considered. In the period of intensive development and of the closest realization of every resource which will be the only means of paying the expenses of the war and repairing its world-wide waste and destruction, there will have to be not only free co-operation between land and water routes, with an end of all rivalry between them, but the fullest development of water routes.—Boston Transcript.

MORETOWN

Nelson Duba went to Vergennes Friday to visit his home over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Wilcox are guests of relatives in Greenfield, Mass.

Miss Claribel Morse returned Thursday from a week's visit in Burlington.

Miss Ruth Newton has returned from a several months' stay with Mr. and Mrs. Philetis Teachout at Thetford Center.

Kenneth Newton visited in Stowe Monday and Tuesday.

The Moretown baseball team defeated the Waterbury Center team at a game in Waterbury Tuesday, the score being 8 to 1.

Miss Eva Tanner of Burlington is spending a week at her home here.

Miss Mattie Somerville of Burlington is visiting at W. A. Kingsbury's and F. S. Howe's.

Dr. R. M. Chase and wife of Bethel, Karl R. Savage and family, Mrs. Annabel Pike, Mrs. Alice Bressette and Leo Bressette of Barre, Mr. and Mrs. Orvis Sawyer and Mrs. Henry Wheeler of Montpelier were guests at the Sawyer home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Bates of Montpelier visited at F. E. Johnson's Sunday. Several from here attended the ball game at Waterbury Tuesday afternoon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Appreciates Reception Given Them.

Editor Barre Daily Times: Kindly permit me, through your valuable paper, to thank the public for the splendid way they turned out to our concert Tuesday evening. It has been an uphill job reorganizing the band and the encouragement we received was very gratifying and convincing that there should be a place in the public life of the city for the band. I also wish to take this opportunity to inform the parents of boys who are learning to play band instruments that we would be glad to have the boys attend our rehearsals. They can sit next to experienced players and in this way receive a good musical schooling.

The band will be ready at any time to respond to any occasion of a patriotic nature. Again thanking the public and all who have helped to make the band a reality.
 James Robertson,
 Manager Barre City Band.

Quaker Quips.

Conscience is the filter of the soul, but even a filter is apt to get clogged up.

The pen may be mightier than the sword, until it comes to making a cavalry charge.

You never can tell. Many a bluff old chap doesn't get any farther than the bluff.

It's the unexpected that happens. Luck seldom comes to the man who depends upon it.

No woman is so humble that some man, at some time in her life, hasn't told her he was unworthy of her.

There are five senses, and the chronic borrower can always be distinguished by the sense of touch.

You never can tell. Many a fellow who complains that he doesn't get all that's coming to him is really in luck.—Philadelphia Record.

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WILLIAMSTOWN

Misses Nellie Tillotson and Cora Kennedy of this village and Miss Grace Tillotson of New York City were in Berlin for an outing at Mirror lake the 12th, returning by way of Barre.

Miss Edna Waldo was in Moretown last Tuesday afternoon to engage board for the school year beginning in September. She was accompanied by Mrs. T. C. Waldo, Miss Evelyn Covell and Mrs. Wilber as far as Montpelier.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram S. Drury have lately spent a few days with relatives at Woodstock, N. H., and Mrs. Drury remains there for a time. Mr. Drury returned Tuesday afternoon, his mail route being covered on Monday by Substitute Carrier W. M. Williams of route No. 1, substitute on route No. 2, in place of Albert S. Cowles, resigned.

Mrs. Harry M. Lasell, who has been making her home of late with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Racore of Barre Town, was in town yesterday for a short stay, accompanied by Miss Ruth Gordon. She, with her eldest son, Harry James, spent last week with her husband, who is employed at the Gear Shaping works at Springfield, Vt.

A number of our farmers, mostly from the south hill, were in Montpelier on the evening of the 14th, to attend a meeting of the New England Milk Producers' association. Among those attending were Charles L. Hayward, Heman E. Smith, C. W. Oram, L. J. Bailey, John Alexander, Charles Riddell and Fred H. Alger.

Mrs. Frank E. Currier and daughter, Christine, now Mrs. Constable of North Carolina, were in town calling on friends recently. Mr. Currier, formerly pastor of the M. E. church here, now owns a small farm in the town of Cabot.

Miss Lena Seaver and Miss Gertrude Jeffords are spending the week in camp at Nelson pond, Calais, with friends.

Miss Louise Waterman, who has been visiting Mrs. W. M. Williams, has returned to her home in Royalton.

Arthur M. Smith and children, Harriet and Everett, of East Randolph, were in town as the guests of Mr. Smith's sister, Mrs. Clarence Bailey, the 11th, calling on Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dennison of Chelsea on the way home.

Miss Margaret Kanaly of Montpelier is in town visiting her cousin, Ruth, and Richard Martin, and other relatives. She is to return next month to the normal school at Fitchburg, Mass., for her second year.

Mrs. Etta M. Covell would be glad to sell or rent her home on construction hill. Anyone interested may address her for further particulars, before Sept. 1, at 3542 Warden street, N. W., Washington, D. C.—adv.



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